Company Quick Reference Guide

Minnesota Board of Private Detective & Protective Agent Services

When hiring a security or investigative company:

- Check our website, send us an email, or call our office to verify that the company/individual is licensed.
- Request the company to provide their active certificate of licensure
  - Once they do, feel free to reach out to us for verification.

Protective Agents may provide:

- Guards, private patrol, or other security personnel to protect persons or their property or to prevent the theft, unlawful taking of goods, merchandise, or money, or to procure the return of those things
- Physical response to any alarm, television camera, still camera, or a mechanical or electronic device installed or used to prevent or detect burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage, losses, or other security measures
- Armored car services for the protection of persons or property
- Control of motor traffic on public streets, roads, or highways for the purpose of escorting a funeral procession and oversized loads
- Management and control of crowds for the purpose of protection and safety

Private Detectives may provide:

- Investigation of crimes or wrongdoings
- Investigation of the identity, habits, conduct, movements, whereabouts, transactions, reputation, or character of a person or organization
- Investigation of the credibility of witnesses or persons
- Investigation of the origin of and responsibility for libels, losses, accidents, damage or injury to persons or property
- Investigation of the affiliation, connection, or relationship of any person or organization
- Evidence obtained through investigations to be used in trial for civil or criminal cases
- Investigation of the identity or apprehension of persons suspected of crimes

Quick Facts

- A business or individual who accepts a fee, reward, or other consideration for performing the above actions requires a license through our Board, per Minnesota Statutes.
- Violation of statute (326.32 - 326.339) is a **gross misdemeanor**, unless otherwise specified
- **Proprietary** employers are not required to be licensed, but must comply with the same background check and training requirements as licensed companies.

For more information, scan this QR Code:

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